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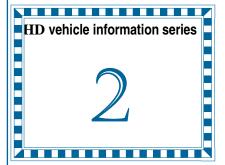


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California's Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP)



The PSIP helps everyone by helping to keep our environment pollution-free.

The Periodic Smoke Inspection

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In response to public concerns about the health impacts of heavy-duty vehicle smoke emissions, California law now requires the owners of California-based truck and bus fleets to perform annual inspections of their vehicles. While the California Air Resources Board operates a road-side smoke inspection program (the Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection Program), it cannot inspect all of the regulated vehicles. The Periodic Smoke Inspection Program serves as a companion to the roadside program to ensure that all of California's heavy-duty vehicles are properly maintained, tamper-free and free from excessive smoke.

Program requirements*

All California-based fleets of two or more heavy-duty vehicles (gross vehicle rating over 6,000 pounds) are required to perform annual smoke and tamper inspections of their fleet. Fleet owners are not required to inspect vehicles that are powered by engines in their first four model years (for example in 1998 all 1995-98 engines would be exempt).

Heavy-duty diesel-powered vehicles that are not part of a fleet or are exclusively for personal use are exempt.

To ensure compliance, the Air Resources Board will randomly audit fleets' maintenance and inspection records, and test a representative sample of vehicles.

Inspection requirements*

All testing must conform to the Society of Automotive Engineers' (SAE) J1667 snap-acceleration test procedure. All vehicles that do not pass the test must be repaired and retested. All testing must be performed using an SAE J1667 smokemeter. Fleet owners and testing facilities that have previously purchased an SAE J1243 smokemeter may use these meters until July 1, 1999. Fleet owners are required to maintain inspection and repair/retest records for each vehicle.



* This brochure provides an overview of the requirements of the Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP). For a full listing of the requirements, please contact the Air Resources Board to request a copy of the regulation (Chapter 3.6 Sections 2190-2194), title 13, California Code of Regulations: Periodic Smoke Inspections of Heavy-Duty Diesel-Powered Vehicles). Please consult the back of this brochure for contact addresses and telephone numbers.

